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FOR AMBASSADOR FROM ANDERSON-H

1. CONGRESSMAN BRAY, RANKING REPUBLICAN ON HOUSE ARMED SERVICES, ACCOMPANIED BY MRS. BRAY AND THEIR ADULT SON PLAN TO VISIT IRAN APPROXIMATELY APRIL 12-21. BRAY SAYS HE IS INTERESTED IN THE OLD SILK ROUTE THROUGH IRAN, WHICH HE LAST VISITED IN 1957. HE EXPRESSED SPECIAL INTEREST IN VISITING HAMADAN, SITE OF ANCIENT HECAPOLIS, AND VALLEY OF ASSASSINS (ALAMUT). BRAY AWARE THAT ACCESS TO ALAMUT IS DIFFICULT, AND WAS RECEPTIVE TO IDEA OF PROFESSIONAL GUIDE WITH SUITABLE VEHICLE. HIS SON WOULD JOIN HIM ON THIS VISIT. BRAY SAID HE MIGHT VISIT ISFAHAN AND SHIRAZ IF HE HAS TIME. BRAY MAY WISH TO TALK TO ARMISH/MAAG CHIEFS, BUT MADE NO SPECIFIC REQUESTS FOR APPOINTMENTS WITH USG OR GOI OFFICIALS.

2. BRAY SAYS HE HAS WRITTEN TO AMBASSADOR HELMS ABOUT THIS TRIP. HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE AMBASSADOR WHEN HE RETURNS TO WASHINGTON IF POSSIBLE.

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3. FOR MANAMA: BRAY MAY DECIDE TO VISIT BAHREIN TO

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